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October 26, 2007

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
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From: William T Fujioka
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MOTION TO SUPPORT THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COURTHOUSE IN THE GOVERNOR'S 2008-09 BUDGET AND SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES DELEGATION REQUESTING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT AND ITS FUNDING (ITEM NO. 6, AGENDA OF OCTOBER 30, 2007)

Item No. 6 on the October 30, 2007 agenda is a motion by Supervisor Molina to: 1) support the Judicial Council's action to recommend inclusion of the new Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse in the Governor's Budget for 2008-09; and 2) send a five-signature letter to the Governor and members of the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation requesting their support for this important project and its funding.

In April 2007, the Judicial Council of California adopted an updated Trial Court Capital Outlay Plan that includes 175 projects Statewide. The "Immediate Need" projects from this list include five Los Angeles County courthouses: 1) the Long Beach Courthouse replacement, 2) a new Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse, 3) renovation of the McCourtney Juvenile Justice Center, 4) a new Santa Clarita Courthouse, and 5) the new Glendale Courthouse. The first phase of the Long Beach Courthouse replacement project was funded as part of the FY 2007-08 State Budget.

The Judicial Council of California intends to recommend that the State fund four trial court projects in the FY 2008-09 State Budget, including the proposed new Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse. The proposed new facility will replace the existing Huntington Park Branch Courthouse and the former South Gate Courthouse. The other three trial court projects to be recommended by the Judicial Council of California include: 1) the new North Butte County Courthouse, 2) the new Red Bluff Courthouse (Tehama County), and 3) the new Woodland Courthouse (Yolo County).

Staff from the Administrative Office of the Courts indicate that the Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse project is more likely to be funded by the Governor and the Legislature if it has the support of the County. The project is supported by the Superior Court and the County departments that would provide service to the new facility including the District Attorney, Public Defender, and Alternate Public Defender.

Approval of this motion will provide our Sacramento advocates with the basis to support the Judicial Council of California's recommended funding for the new Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse as part of the FY 2008-09 State Budget.

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

October 30, 2007

In April 2007, the Judicial Council of California recommended that the State fund four new trial court projects in the State's 2008-09 budget, including the land acquisition phase of a proposed new Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse. The new nine-courtroom courthouse will replace the Huntington Park Courthouse, and return to the Huntington Park-South Gate community criminal cases that were transferred to East Los Angeles, Downey and downtown Los Angeles. The project will increase court operational efficiency by consolidating all adult court operations, both criminal and civil, into one location within the community. The Judicial Council is committed to working collaboratively with the County and local cities to select the site. The project is ranked by the Judicial Council as one of the highest priority capital projects for the judicial branch, and has the full support of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:

1. Support the Judicial Council's action to recommend inclusion of the new Southeast Los Angeles Courthouse in the Governor's Budget for 2008-09; and
2. Send a five-signature letter to the Governor and members of the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation requesting their support for this important project and its funding.

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